

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**June 22, 2009**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, June 22, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor J. M. Holmes presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**ROLL CALL:**

**Council Members Present:** Kevin Hanley, Bill Kirby, Bridget Powers, J. M. Holmes

**Council Members Absent:** Keith Nesbitt

**Staff Members Present:** City Manager Robert Richardson, City Attorney Michael Colantuono, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi, Public Works Director Jack Warren, Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder

**MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Proclamation: Think Auburn First Week, June 27 – July 3, 2009

Mayor Holmes invited Council Member Hanley to join him at the podium as he read the proclamation and presented it to him. Council Member Hanley said the concept behind "Think Auburn First Week" is to create a platform for businesses to demonstrate their unique goods and services. He said it is the hope of the Think Auburn First Steering Committee that it will be annual event.

Mayor Holmes introduced Wes Lujan from the Union Pacific Railroad and Paul Ogden from the Auburn-Placer Performing Arts Center Committee. He said the Union Pacific Railroad Foundation is generously making a contribution to the Auburn-Placer Performing Arts Center.

Wes Lujan, Director of Public Affairs for Northern California for the Union Pacific Railroad, said the \$10,000 donation is part of ongoing "relationship-building" with the Auburn community and Placer County. He said the railroad foundation plans to be more active and more visible in the community.

Paul Ogden accepted the donation and expressed his gratitude to the foundation for its contribution. He said the money will help the organization tremendously.

He said a great deal of progress has been made on the project and the theater will begin its first musical series in August.

Mayor Holmes announced that he spoke with Ken Metzner from the Auburn Area Forestry group. The group previously identified and signed trees in the area. He said the group is anxious to upgrade the project and re-do some of the stencils that have faded throughout the years. He said the group may add some additional tree signage in the Auburn School Park Preserve. Mayor Holmes commended the group for its continued efforts.

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mayor Holmes announced that there is an additional agenda item to extend the OMI contract at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for one month. He explained that a four-fifths vote was necessary to make the addition to the agenda.

By **MOTION** add the OMI contract extension to the agenda. **MOTION:**  
**Hanley/Powers/Approved 4:0 (Absent: Nesbitt)**

The agenda, as modified, was approved as presented by consensus of the Council.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **1. Minutes**

By **MOTION** approve City Council Minutes of May 26, 2009.

### **2. Youth Advisory Commission Extension**

By **RESOLUTION 09-77** extend the Youth Advisory Commission to June 30, 2010.

\*\*\*\*\* End of Consent Calendar \*\*\*\*\*

By **MOTION** approve the Consent Calendar. **MOTION: Hanley/Kirby/**  
**Approved 4:0 (Absent: Nesbitt)**

### **3. Public Comment**

None

### **3A. Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Contract Extension**

City Attorney Michael Colantuono advised that the City is negotiating with OMI "a comprehensive re-write of their contract." He said it is not so

much for economics but to describe the nature of the service and the standards by which OMI operates. He said he has wanted to undertake the revision for quite some time. He said the agreement is a lot more detailed than the previous contract. Therefore, more time is needed for both OMI staff and City staff to review and comment. He said that the contract will not be finalized by the June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. He asked that Council give staff the authority to sign an extension to the contract under existing terms for one month.

By **MOTION** authorize the Director of Public Works to extend the contract with CH2M Hill OMI for operations, maintenance and management of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant for one month. **MOTION: Hanley/ Powers/Approved 4:0 (Absent; Nesbitt)**

## **REPORTS**

### **4. Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Update**

Public Works Director Jack Warren introduced the item. He explained he met with County staff and staff from the Placer-Nevada Wastewater Authority in response to a request from Supervisor Weygandt to better refine the cost estimate for the regional pipeline. He said local representatives have made trips to Washington, D. C. wherein support from Senators Feinstein and Boxer has been solicited for monies to be appropriated to the regional project.

He said at the meeting with County staff and the Placer-Nevada Wastewater Authority (PNWA) staff the issue was refining the cost estimate. He said Orin Bennett, PNWA staff member, roughly estimated that it would cost an additional two million dollars to refine the pipeline cost estimate as requested by their Supervisor. He said it will be taken to the next meeting of PNWA. He said at the meeting there was no indication that the City of Auburn should do anything other than to pursue its course to construct on-site improvements. He said advertising for the project will start immediately with a bid opening in July.

Mr. Warren said that when the Council authorized the on-site improvement alternative, staff was also instructed to pursue the capturing capacity in the regional pipeline that now runs through the City of Lincoln. He said an estimate has been received from Lincoln at 2.1 to 2.3 million dollars roughly. He said the fee increase was based on 10.9 million dollars. He said he now thinks the actual construction cost will be closer to 8.0 million. He asked if staff does pursue buying capacity in Lincoln, should the bond issue have enough leeway in it to bond the bid that comes in or handle it in another manner. He said the sewer fund has a

sizeable reserve so there is the possibility of combining sewer funds with the bond issue.

Council questions and comments followed regarding (1) the regional financing study (2) the potential to purchase future capacity (3) an explanation of the Placer-Nevada Wastewater Authority (4) commitments from Senators Feinstein and Boxer to help provide funding for more studies and (5) PNWA's consideration to the use of the Middle Fork Project as a possible financing mechanism.

5. **City Council Committee Reports**

None.

City Manager Richardson clarified the meeting dates for the next month. He said June 29, 2009 will be a budget session at 5:00 p.m. and July 6, 2009 will include finalizing the wastewater treatment bonds. He said the regular July 13, 2009 meeting will be cancelled.

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By **MOTION** adjourn to a Closed Session under Government Code Section 54957.6: **MOTION: Hanley/Kirby/Approved by Voice**

(1) **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

Agency Designated Representatives: Robert Richardson  
Employee Group: All Bargaining Units

**ADJOURNMENT** to closed session at 6:37 p.m.

The Council returned to open session at 7:13 p.m.

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

No reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Holmes, without objection, adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

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J. M. Holmes, Mayor

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Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk